

Moran Speaks in Favor of Expansion of Kansas City Animal Health Corridor

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today delivered the following speech on the floor of the House of Representatives in support of H.Res. 317, recognizing the region from Manhattan, Kansas, to Columbia, Missouri, as the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor.

"Thank you Mister Speaker. Today, we are considering H. Res. 317, which recognizes the region between Manhattan, Kansas, and Columbia, Missouri, as the 'Kansas City Animal Health Corridor.'

"This area of Kansas and Missouri has long been considered our country's headquarters for animal and bioscience. The largest concentration of animal health and nutrition interests in the nation is located in this corridor, including more than 120 companies that account for nearly \$17 billion in global sales. This amounts to over one-third of total global sales in the animal health industry.

"Part of what makes this region unique is its location in one of the largest livestock producing regions in the country. The First Congressional District of Kansas, which I represent, is the largest livestock producing district in the nation. The Kansas City Animal Health Corridor is a benefit to the livestock producers in the region and to the employment and investments

these producers contribute in the local economy.

“Biosciences are a tremendous opportunity for the future of our state and its citizens. As the national economy has struggled, the animal health industry continues to experience growth. The businesses, universities, and other interests located in the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor provide an opportunity for our best and brightest young people to stay and work in Kansas.

“Earlier this year, the Department of Homeland Security named this world renowned area for animal health research as the home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). This federal laboratory is urgently needed to develop the vaccines and countermeasures against the threat of foreign animal disease, protecting our food supply and our economy. The Kansas City Animal Health Corridor will provide the workforce expertise and the collaboration opportunities to make NBAF a success.

“I appreciate the House of Representatives recognizing the important role of this region to furthering animal health and nutrition across the nation and the globe. By supporting this resolution we are helping to foster support for crucial research and business development in animal health. I urge all members to support this resolution.

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Moran is a senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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